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| UNDP_Logo-Blue%20w%20Tagline-ENG | **Back to Office Report****Submitted by:** Patricia Toquica**Title: BTOR mission to Perú** **Date submitted: March.22, 2016** |
| 1. Practice area : BPPS |
| 2. Mission period (incl. of travel days) From: March 1 to: March 4, 2016 |
| 3. Type of mission: Official  | 4. ClientsPrograma Nacional de Conservación de Bosques (PNCB) del Ministerio de Ambiente de Perú (MINAM); UNDP Perú; UNEP |
| 5. Purpose of mission This mission had the purpose of: * Provide technical support and guidance for the creation of a decentralized communications plan for indigenous peoples of the Peruvian Amazon on REDD+. (Product 1 of UNDP TS)
* Provide final and consolidated feedback to UNEP’s TS team on products related to 1) stakeholder mapping of the private sector 2) proposal of engagement strategy and 3) communications plan for the private sector on REDD+.
* Promote articulation of communications plans for indigenous peoples and private sector with Peru’s ***REDD+ Stakeholder Engagement and Participation Plan (PPIA)*** and with ***National Forests Program Communications Strategy*** as well as coordination among the various teams in charge of these products.
* Review advances of the ***REDD+ Capacity Strengthening Strategy for Indigenous Peoples*** developed as part of UNDP TS.
* Provide technical support for the preparation of a possible REDD+ Academy targeting regional governments including technical staff from National Forest Service (Serfor) and MINAM as part of the National Programme to initiate Q2-Q3, 2016.
 | 6. Documents, materials, resources * Plan de Participación e Involucramiento de Actores en el Proceso de REDD+ en el Perú
* Mapeo y Propuesta de Estrategia de Involucramiento y Comunicación para el Sector Privado
* Estrategia de Fortalecimiento de Capacidades para REDD+
* Estrategia de Comunicación Programa Nacional de Conservación de Bosques Perú

Additional information: <http://www.bosques.gob.pe/programa-bosques>  |
| 7. Mission members Patricia Toquica (UNDP, inter-agency KM). | 8. CostsUS $ 2.541.24 |
| 9. Context of mission Peru has several Targeted Supports in place. For the context of this mission these TS are:**UNEP TS** that includes (among other products) the creation of an engagement and communications strategy for the private sector, which also included a mapping and characterization of this sector. **UNDP TS** to support Peru’s preparation for the future implementation of REDD+. Among the main outputs of this TS are: 1) the strengthening of capacities of representatives of indigenous peoples of the Peruvian Amazon in REDD+ and 2) the creation of decentralized communication plan for leaders of indigenous peoples of the Amazon (including gender and intercultural approach), for them to have an informed participation in the REDD+ preparation processes. These targeted supports will be closing in Q1 and Q2 2016 and their inputs will be key to the implementation of Peru’s REDD+ Stakeholder Engagement and Participation (PPIA) led by the National Forest Conservation Program (PNCB) of Peru’s Ministry of Environment. The inputs generated by these targeted supports will also contribute to the REDD+ preparation processes that are planned to continue as part of the UN-REDD Programme in Peru. Currently Peru’s general attention is focused on the uncertainty generated by the Presidential elections that will take place on April 10th, 2016 (runoff on June 5th, 2016, if no single candidate gets more that 50% of the vote). This affects the overall political environment. Delays in political decisions and institutional processes are to be expected in the following months. Peru is the final steps of development of its National Forests and Climate Change Strategy (Estrategia Nacional de Bosques y Cambio Climático, ENBCC), a process led by the PNCB of the Ministry of Environment, and that includes a chapter on REDD+ (equivalent to the REDD+ NS) under this umbrella. The intention of the PNCB Director is to have this document finalized and approved by the current government by May 2016 before the new government takes office. As a framework to guide and articulate the REDD+ social participation processes and as part of the ENBCC, a **REDD+** **Stakeholder Engagement and Participation Plan (PPIA)** was developed with the support of FCPF during 2015. This document provides the general guidelines and principles for participation of key sectors/stakeholders related to the Peruvian forests as far as REDD+ is related. This document serves as an umbrella for the development of the engagement, capacity building and communications strategies for indigenous peoples and private sector that the UN-REDD Programme is currently supporting. *9.a Findings*. **UNEP TS** Products have been finalized and final feedback and recommendations provided were to be incorporated by consultants in charge at the end of this mission. The products (***Private Sector Stakeholder Mapping & Characterization***, ***Private Sector Engagement Strategy Proposal*** and ***Communications Plan for the Private Sector***) have contributed with information and initial approaches for the involvement of this sector on REDD+ and provided spaces for dialogues with key representatives from the coffee, cacao and palm oil sectors, with openness from these sectors which will be beneficial for future approaches. The **Private Sector Stakeholder Mapping and Characterization** document makes significant efforts to map key sectors and stakeholders to be engaged, as well as main activities, possible engagement platforms, key contacts and interests. It builds on other documents and studies and is the most recent and complete of its kind which can be of use for other government initiatives related to forests and sustainable agriculture production in the Peruvian Amazon, beyond REDD+.***Recommendations:*** To close this product it was recommended to add conclusions with significant findings related to the perception of the actors interviewed, suggested next steps, potential uses and lessons learned, as well as annexes with sources interviewed and a brief systematization of the workshops held with private sector stakeholders. For the **Private Sector Engagement Strategy and the Communication Plan**, it was recommended to merge the original two documents in one and add final recommendations and lessons learned, as well as possible next steps/actions. According to the consultants in order to clearly envisage next steps, it is necessary to finalize the other studies as part of UNEP’s Targeted Support, and articulate their potential use with private sector engagement, as well as to have a clearer definition from the PNCB on proper moments for engagement with the PS during the ENBCC road map, which will significantly depend on the new government directions after the current election period. **UNDP TS on Support for REDD+ Preparation** A new and improved version of the original **REDD+ Stakeholder Engagement and Participation Plan (PPIA)** was developed by Mirella Camacho and Roxana Ramos (MINAM / PNCB) which incorporates the feedback provided by UNDP regional office to the original document developed with FCPF support. The document provides the framework for social participation and is expected to cover all current REDD+ processes and future ones (ej. FIP, Norway’s Joint Declaration). This shorter version defines clearer objectives, maps and classifies stakeholders divided in six sectors using functional criteria according to the ENBCC, defines why it’s important to involve them in the framework of REDD+ and Peru’s Forests and Climate Change National Strategy (ENBCC), furthers develops roles, responsibilities as well as a critical roadmap and a work plan with detailed activities for the period 2016-2020.Suggestions provided: The document still needs to define how other activities of the ENBCC will be articulated as Peru’s program for Defined and Conditioned Transfers (Transferencias Definidas Condicionadas), as well as how and when each stakeholder group will be engaged as part of the ENBCC and REDD+ strategy road map. However this is one of the aspects that awaits definition once the new government takes place.MINAM /PNCB intention is to hire another consultancy is to develop the communications plan to accompany the PPIA, in order to ensure long term content generation, information and dissemination strategies to assist with REDD+ engagement of the various sectors. Since the PNBC already has a comprehensive Communications Strategy (that gives enough guidelines but allows flexibility to work with the various sectors and collaborations from donors Peru has in place for forests initiatives) and that with UN-REDD support communications plans for two main stakeholders (indigenous peoples and private sector) are already being developed, it was recommended to evaluate this consultancy to avoid redundancy and instead identify current gaps and needs and develop sub-plans for the other sectors including government sector, academia, international cooperation etc. A diagnostic for this plan is currently under development and as part of this mission coordination among the various consultants and PNBC staff was promoted to articulate the various initiatives and avoid duplication. *9.b Results achieved (key outputs)** Agreement with UNEP RTA Daniela Carrión, and members of UNEP TS in Peru (Marco Llanos y Mario Razzeto) on additional information and changes to be incorporated to private sector engagement and communications products for final delivery.
* Discussion on articulation with PNCB on how these products can be beneficial and contribute to the overall implementation of Peru’s REDD+ Stakeholder Engagement and Participation Plan PPIA.
* Revision of advances of Capacity Strengthening Strategy for indigenous peoples with Mirella Camacho and Roxana Ramos (PNBC). Since May 2015 this plan has reached through four different formats 166 people (30% women) representatives of 13 nations of the Peruvian Amazon, with emphasis in the following regions: Uyacali, San Martin, Loreto and Madre Dios. The Capacity Sthrenghtening Strategy includes the following activities:
	+ Regional support and descentralized capacity building
	+ Two specialized courses for technical specialists of indigenous organizations (national, regional and local level)
	+ Permanent support and capacity building in partnership with the main national IPs organizations Aidesep y Conap.
	+ A decentralized communication plan for indigenous peoples.

From this activities the first two have been finalized while the other two will continue in development until July 2016. * Provided basic training and technical support on KM and Communications guidelines to consultant for creation of comms strategy for indigenous peoples (5 month consultancy). Agreement on a roadmap for the development of this consultancy and coordination of synergies with other initiatives currently in development, including the Communications Diagnostic for the creation of a REDD+ Communications Plan to support the PPIA.

The main steps agreed will include: Communications diagnostic (March-April), elaboration of plan (April-May), implementation of actions by piloting in selected regions (Uyacalí, Atalaya y San Martin being the ones with higher deforestation rates); Throughout the project the consultant will also work on information gathering, content and material development, and dissemination of relevant information as appropriate through the identified PNCB channels. * Coordination among consultants and validation with government of the criteria to be used for the communicational diagnostics to be developed for the various actors of the PPIA. As well as instill dialogue on how to make best use of synergies, times, team and logistics to optimize efforts and promote collaboration in communications and knowledge management (Parties involved: Jorge García, Chief of Communications PNCB, Mario Razzeto Comms Consultant for Diagnostic on REDD+ Comms Strategy to accompany the PPIA (and former con consultant for Comms Strategy for private sector); Melanie Hammond, Comms Consultant for Indigenous Peoples; Lucas Dourojeanni, PNCB Consultant on REDD+ Communications and Safeguards). As a result of this meeting further actions and collaborations were identified and the creation of periodic coordination spaces were agreed.
* Meetings were held with coordinators from the main national indigenous platforms AIDESEP and CONAP where synergies and actions were identified to improve comms capacity at local level and cooperate during diagnostics and dissemination phases.
* Definition of initial steps, materials, methodology and resources required for the development of a REDD+ Academy for technical staff from government sector involved in REDD+ in Q3/2016 as part of Peru’s ONU-REDD National Programme. A well as sharing of lessons learned from these experiences in other countries.

*9.c Lessons Learned*  * With so many sources of funding and support initiatives, constant coordination will be required with the local counterpart to avoid duplication of activities, encourage collaboration among the various consultants, and ensure articulation of efforts.
* Indigenous organizations AIDESEP and CONAP have strong platforms and are powerful allies to work on REDD+ communications and capacity building to the community base level. This is an opportunity to be leveraged and that requires alignment with other PNCB directions with regards to IPs engagement.
* The REDD+ Academy learning materials have already been useful for the initial capacity building workshops provided to indigenous peoples on REDD+ and RIA (REDD Indígena Amazónico). The local team has accumulated valuable experiences on how to adjust materials and methodologies to the local context that will be systematized and shared at the end of the TS.
* Challenges have been faced on integrating the gender approach and to meet the gender participation targets stablished of 30% for the capacity building efforts. In this area Peru already has experiences and lessons to share that can contribute to gender experiences in LAC. Their experience in striving for women participation is valuable in terms of breaking schemes and structures, questioning cultural patterns and promoting sensitization as well as women empowerment. Further support of the Regional Gender specialist with an initial capacity building workshop on Gender and REDD+ for the PNBC staff involved was identified.

*9.d Expected outcomes and impacts** Finalization of UNEP products related to engagement of private sector (Q1, 2016)
* Finalization of UNDPs products related to decentralized capacity strengthening and communications strategies for indigenous peoples on REDD+ (Q2, 2016)
* Ongoing coordination and collaboration of the various teams/consultants working on stakeholder engagement, capacity building and communication as part of the PPIA with PNCB / MINAM.
* Technical inputs provided by the UN-REDD Programme valued and incorporated not only to UNEP and UNDPs TS products, but also to other PNCB products and processes in the areas of participation, capacity building, knowledge management and communications.
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| 10. Key counterparts* MINAM, PNCB
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| 11. Follow up action matrix |
| Action to be taken | By whom | Expected completion date |
| Finalization on work plan for consultancy on IPs communication plan  | Melannie Hammond (Consultant)  | March 17,2016  |
| Follow up on systematization of capacity building plan an pending actions as part of TS with Roxana Ramos and Dave Pogois | Patricia Toquica, Marco Chiu, Arturo Santos | March 23,2016 |
| Follow up on the needs and opportunity for a webinar on Gender and REDD+  | Patricia Toquica  | April 1st, 2016 |
| Ongoing support and bi-weekly follow up with Comms Consultant Melanie Hammond  | Patricia Toquica  | July 15, 2016 |
| Support with initial planning of REDD+ Academy (Q3, 2016, NP) and sharing of resources. | Patricia Toquica | March 5, 2016 |
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| 12. Distribution list* UNDP CO: James Leslie
* UNDP-UN-REDD Regional Team, Tim Clairs
* UNEP UN-REDD+ focal point for Peru, Daniela Carrión.
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**ANNEXES:**

